

FRENCH INDO-CHINA

direct and frank mountaineers refreshing after
Annamite in
and dissimulation. Even their extreme indolence is
forgiven,

The Mans are the tribe next largest to the Thais,
and they
about twenty thousand. They are related to the
people whom 4*
Chinese call Yaos, who live in South China. Theirs is a
totem relgbg
and family organization. They are nomads who live in
the differed
mountain fastnesses, cultivating great mystery in
regard to
customs. They are not rekted to the Thais, whom
they detest, hri
they are greatly influenced by them. The Thais return
the complaneal
by calling them a race of sorcerers. The French
policy towards tin
Mans has been to try to attach them to the soil, and
to educate
out of their destructive method of fanning by *rays*.

The Lus are a Mongol people, pushed southward by
success!??
invasions until they finally settled themselves in the
Sip-Song~PaB«
Though they are rekted to the Thai group, they are
on a much Iowa
economic level, but their literacy extends to the
women of their trite,
and is remarkably widespread. Their religion is
Buddhism, adulterated
by spirit worship. Their social organization is strictly
feudal, and
occupations hunting, smoking, and drinking.

The Mem live in the highest mountains, and in
very dispersd
groups throughout Northern Tonkin and Laos.
Though related tn
tfaek neighbours and to the tribes of South China, with
whom they hm
cultural ties, they live in completely separate villages.

The fact tfatf
cannot acclimatize themselves to aa altitude under
2,500 feet *bm*
them from absorption by surrounding peoples.
Their
orgmkatioii resembles thai of the Lus, They are
divided into
peoples, and like them they are great animal
breeders. They aft

the greatest poppy 'growers of Tonkin. Like so
 many of
 primitives they detest their neighbours, particularly
 the Chinese and
 AmMites, whom they call "men of paper/" The
 Chinese* in turn, call
 "unf^yveniable vermin,"⁵¹ but the Annaipites more
 kindly describe
 them "son* as like untiled sail/" The French have tried
 to
 to die »fl, to cure¹ them* of their nomadic and *ray*
 habits, and
 to the Immense Influence the sorcerers
 have orar thenk
 The Meo of 1919 stirred up by am
 inspired
 Though not an important
 country -was too risiy a
 used in suppressing
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 to the and, reduce tie tillages
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 3%